

REMARKS

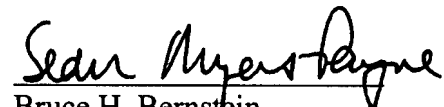
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendments prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, i.e., adding sequence identifiers to the specification, removing multiple dependent claims and the government fees associated therewith, and adding new claims 6 and 7.

Applicants also respectfully request replacement of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The new Sequence Listing does not contain any changes or additions to the disclosed sequences.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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